Docket No.: 1448.1042

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Itaru SAKOU

Serial No. 10/629,897 Group Art Unit: 1631

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For: METHOD, PROGRAM AND APPARATUS FOR PREDICTING GENE EXPRESSION

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment mailed December 20, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on January 20, 2007. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 20, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.